

FROM McLOUTH, KAN.

Our new church was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 23, Elder Daniel Vaniman of the German Baptist church preaching the dedicatory sermon and continuing the meetings with communion services on Tuesday evening; until Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock they closed and at 7:30 the same evening elder A. Brubaker, one of our brethren, took up the work and continued with much zeal until Jan. 27. The meetings were well attended, and we think much good was done in getting our church and its doctrine before the people in a way that will be favorable to us. The immediate results were eight baptized and one by relation, adding nine in all to our little flock; and we feel to thank God and take courage for it seems that God has been exceedingly kind to us here. Not quite one year since my husband and I came among the Brethren here, there were only about a dozen of them then, with no house to worship in. No wonder they sometimes felt discouraged. But they were very much in earnest and were not ashamed of the doctrine or afraid to work. So with the help of our German Baptist brethren and the blessings of God we now have a neat house of worship costing about \$2000 clear of debt, and a membership of twenty-three.

We started our Sunday-school with the new year, having an attendance of about one hundred and a splendid outlook for a good school. Also have prayer-meeting on Friday night. Our preaching services are held alternately with the German Baptist brethren while the Sunday-school and prayer-meetings are held in union with them. On the day after closing our meetings we held a business meeting and the church here called my husband, J. R. Kimmel, to the full ministry and to preach for them for one year; he had been preaching for some time, but had only been ordained to the office of a deacon. Brother George Woodhead was also called to the deacon's office. Brother Willie Stout being the only deacon we had, he felt that he needed help and we feel that he will find very efficient help in Brother Woodhead, and hope they will prove a blessing to our church. We feel that we have been greatly blessed and ask an interest in your prayers brethren and sisters, that we may continue faithful. Your sister in Christ.

MAGGIE KIMMEL.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN, O.

Have closed a very successful meeting at this place with nine accessions by baptism. The church is growing rapidly and there is no lack of encouragement. Praise the Lord.

A. J. BAUGHMAN.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

In our last communication we stated we were in the midst of a revival at Salem, Ind., and to say that we had a revival is putting it in very mild terms considering the very cold weather we had to contend with. But "He that tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" doeth all things well. A deep spiritual interest manifested itself from the beginning, and early in the meeting souls responded to the invitation. The interest increased, the power came and brave hearts were made to weep to see their friends coming to the fold. The brethren stood by us nobly in the conflict. They were there at the beginning and at the close and at all intervening services to do what their hands found to do to help in the work. We remained just two weeks and three days, and the result was twenty-five additions to the church. The closing service of this meeting was the closing of our fifth year as pastor of the Salem church and we had the largest crowd ever in attendance at public service. Our house is large but it proved to small for this occasion. God be praised for what was accomplished!

From there we came to this place, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, where we now are. Our heart yearns for loved ones at home. But seemingly the minister is deprived of home to a great extent. I do not believe that the churches appreciate the sacrifice that a minister's wife has to make for the cause of Christ; especially those whose husbands are continually in the Master's field. Why are they not remembered more and encouraged more by the churches generally? What I have done for the Brethren CHURCH is due largely to my wife. "Honor to whom honor is due." For she has remained at home, cared for the children when they were small, watched over them when they were sick, unknown to me rather than call me home from my work. Then who has the burden to bear—the minister or his wife? I think every minister's wife ought to have a pension. What say you ministers all along the line? Speak your piece by experience. May the Lord bless the cause everywhere.

I love thy church O God,
Her walls before thee stand;
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
Engraven on thy hand.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

WE should carry up our affections to the mansions prepared for us above, where eternity is the measure, felicity the state, angels the company, the Lamb the light, and God the inheritance and portion of his people forever.

FROM DUNLAPS, IND.

Our union meeting and communion passed off very pleasantly. Although it was fourteen degrees below zero, there was a good attendance. We have some very brave brothers and sisters in Elkhart county, that will drive twelve miles to meeting when the weather is that cold and a snow storm raging. We missed brother J. Allen Miller very much in our union meeting. We have preaching every two weeks morning and evening, with good attendance. Our King's Children is booming, and we are indeed proud of our society.

Feb. 4. MRS. A. R. BEMENDERFER.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

Three more baptized Sunday evening. We are glad to note that these three have remembered their Creator in the days of their youth, and pray that they may add many stars to their crown by inducing others to come and accept Christ. Our meetings are growing in interest and we feel greatly encouraged.

Feb. 13. B. F. PUTERBAUGH.

FROM MILLEDGEVILLE, O.

Closed our meetings in Milledgeville on Sunday evening, Feb. 10, with fifteen baptisms and five yet to be baptized.—Twenty accessions in all—and we think others are near the kingdom and will come soon. We will hold our Lovefeast and Communion on Sunday evening, 17th inst, at which time we expect a genuine feast of good things. I go to Chadwick, seven miles west, to begin a series of meetings this evening. This is a new place at which we wish to plant a mission. We earnestly ask your prayers for God's blessing on these meetings.

J. O. TALLEY.

NOTICE.

Our regular semi-annual business meeting will be held at Fair Haven on Saturday, Feb. 23, commencing at 10 A. M. All the members of said church are kindly invited to be present.

WM. KIEFER, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill, O.

THE best work for any man to do is the work that is just before him, by the ordering of God's providence. If he neglects that work, in the hope of finding something better suited to his abilities, there are two things in which he is practically a failure—the work to which God has sent him, and the work which he has picked out for himself. Doing what he has to do, is better for any man than doing what he wants to do.